STATE OF MARYLAND UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

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Crime in Maryland decreased eight percent in 2009 compared to 2008 as measured by the Crime Index Offenses. **Violent Crime decreased five percent.** This group consists of Murder, Forcible Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault. **Property Crime decreased eight percent.** The composition of this group is Breaking or Entering, Larceny-Theft and Motor Vehicle Theft.

STATE OF MARYLAND CRIME INDEX TOTALS

INDEX OFFENSES	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	PERCENT
	2008	2009	CHANGE
Murder	493	436	-12%
Forcible Rape	1,127	1,151	2%
Robbery	13,203	12,005	-9%
Aggravated Assault	20,571	20,022	-3%
Breaking or Entering	38,849	36,903	-5%
Larceny-Theft	133,983	125 , 755	-6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	25,340	19,606	-23%
Arson	[2 , 279]	[1,754]	-23%
*TOTAL	233,566	215,878	-8%

^{*}Arson Crime is collected differently than other Index Crimes, therefore, it is not included in the Crime Index Totals.

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EASTERN SHORE REGION CRIME INDEX TRENDS

(Includes Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties)

INDEX OFFENSES	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	PERCENT
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	2008	2009	CHANGE
Murder	27	12	-55.6%
Forcible Rape	119	110	-7.6%
Robbery	539	564	4.6%
Aggravated Assault	1,935	1,948	0.7%
Breaking or Entering	4,134	4,126	-0.2%
Larceny-Theft	10,627	10,376	-2.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	887	627	-29.3%
Arson	[177]	[154]	-13.0%
*TOTAL	18,268	17,763	-2.8%

SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION CRIME INDEX TRENDS

(Includes Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties)

INDEX OFFENSES	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	PERCENT
	2008	2009	CHANGE
Murder	14	7	-50.0%
Forcible Rape	44	66	50.0%
Robbery	253	258	2.0%
Aggravated Assault	1,154	949	-17.8%
Breaking or Entering	1,705	1,469	-13.8%
Larceny-Theft	6 , 071	5,666	-6.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	630	491	-22.1%
Arson	[78]	[67]	-14.1%
*TOTAL	9,871	8,906	-9.8%

WESTERN MARYLAND CRIME INDEX TRENDS

(Includes Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett and Washington Counties)

INDEX OFFENSES	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	PERCENT	
	2008	2009	CHANGE	
Murder	11	13	18.2%	
Forcible Rape	78	113	44.9%	
Robbery	349	361	3.4%	
Aggravated Assault	1,468	1,481	0.9%	
Breaking or Entering	2 , 727	2 , 655	-2.6%	
Larceny-Theft	9,604	9,139	-4.8%	
Motor Vehicle Theft	687	522	-24.0%	
Arson	[171]	[121]	-29.2%	
*TOTAL	14,924	14,284	-4.3%	

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WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN REGION CRIME INDEX TRENDS

(Includes Montgomery and Prince George's Counties)

INDEX OFFENSES	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	PERCENT	
	2008	2009	CHANGE	
Murder	143	108	-24.5%	
Forcible Rape	386	351	-9.1%	
Robbery	4,957	4,386	-11.5%	
Aggravated Assault	4,145	3 , 937	-5.0%	
Breaking or Entering	11,969	11,361	-5.1%	
Larceny-Theft	45,594	41,766	-8.4%	
Motor Vehicle Theft	12,127	9,080	-25.1%	
Arson	[623]	[504]	-19.1%	
*TOTAL	79,321	70 , 989	-10.5%	

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN REGION CRIME INDEX TRENDS

(Includes Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford and Howard Counties)

INDEX OFFENSES	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	PERCENT
	2008	2009	CHANGE
Murder	293	292	-0.3%
Forcible Rape	500	511	2.2%
Robbery	7,102	-9.4%	
Aggravated Assault	11,683	11 , 579	-0.9%
Breaking or Entering	18 , 278	17 , 258	-5.6%
Larceny-Theft	61 , 607	58 , 289	-5.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	10,976	8 , 853	-19.3%
Arson	[1,117]	[837]	-25.1%
*TOTAL	110,439	103,215	-6.5%

^{*}Arson Crime is collected differently than other Index Crimes, therefore, it is not included in the Crime Index Totals.

Crimes reported by agencies that are multi-jurisdictional are not reflected in the five region Crime Index Trends. Therefore, the totals for the above five regions do not equal the State's total. Multi-jurisdictional crimes are identified under statewide agencies and are listed with the County Crime Index Trends.

Statistics presented here are based on information provided by law enforcement agencies to the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Attempts to compare resulting crime figures should not be made without first considering the individual crime factors that exist in each region and jurisdiction.

COUNTY CRIME INDEX TRENDS JANUARY – DECEMBER 2008 OVER 2009

County		Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Breaking or Entering	Larceny Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	*Arson	Total	% Change
Allegany	2008 2009	1	17 25	34 38	188 259	517 606	1,657 1,622	49 49	22 23	2,463 2,600	5.6%
Anne Arundel	2008 2009	18 16	109 95	810 746	1,994 2,063	3,419 3,067	14,302 12,763	1,581 1,134	142 107	22,233 19,884	-10.6%
Baltimore	2008 2009	31 32	152 154	1,730 1,471	3,018 2,898	4,448 4,316	19,661 19,536	2,940 2,443	336 261	31,980 30,850	-3.5%
Baltimore City	2008 2009	234 238	137 158	4,058 3,726	5,703 5,579	7,880 7,856	17,635 17,101	5,518 4,632	430 347	41,165 39,290	-4.6%
Calvert	2008 2009	2 0	7 11	22 28	336 232	433 436	1,333 1,298	108 104	11 9	2,241 2,109	-5.9%
Caroline	2008 2009	2 1	10 13	28 21	83 88	328 342	703 633	57 42	4 21	1,211 1,140	-5.9%
Carroll	2008 2009	1 2	21 26	40 47	298 315	597 567	2,172 2,056	124 102	28 17	3,253 3,115	-4.2%
Cecil	2008 2009	8 2	15 23	111 155	406 566	1,187 977	2,314 2,439	310 248	70 44	4,351 4,410	1.4%
Charles	2008 2009	10 7	26 35	187 185	571 474	753 598	3,171 2,862	387 272	45 35	5,105 4,433	-13.2%
Dorchester	2008 2009	1 0	12 11	50 28	124 144	400 253	762 681	61 26	14 12	1,410 1,143	-18.9%
Frederick	2008 2009	4 8	23 33	154 179	612 572	741 687	3,200 3,082	239 175	60 41	4,973 4,736	-4.8%
Garrett	2008 2009	2 0	2 4	5 1	62 63	171 170	341 322	29 14	6 4	612 574	-6.2%
Harford	2008 2009	6 4	66 60	245 228	562 595	1,155 810	3663 3,471	403 251	127 49	6,100 5,419	-11.2%
Howard	2008 2009	4 2	36 44	259 262	406 444	1,376 1,209	6,346 5,418	534 393	82 73	8,961 7,772	-13.3%
Kent	2008 2009	1 1	7 1	19 14	86 70	158 129	234 195	25 13	9 6	530 423	-20.2%
Montgomery	2008 2009	21 13	136 130	1,192 1,062	882 957	3,760 3,142	19,678 19,106	2,384 1,824	258 226	28,053 26,234	-6.5%
Prince George's	2008 2009	122 95	250 221	3,765 3,324	3,263 2,980	8,209 8,219	25,916 22,660	9,743 7,256	365 278	51,268 44,755	-12.7%
Queen Anne's	2008 2009	1 0	15 12	13 9	132 95	210 206	685 680	56 30	12 19	1,112 1,032	-7.2%
St. Mary's	2008 2009	2 0	11 20	44 45	247 243	519 435	1,567 1,506	135 115	22 23	2,525 2,364	-6.4%
Somerset	2008 2009	2 1	4 7	20 25	68 68	181 268	488 419	35 12	6 5	798 800	0.3%
Talbot	2008 2009	2 1	13 5	34 23	109 57	211 229	798 728	46 19	2 4	1,213 1,062	-12.4%
Washington	2008 2009	3 2	15 25	116 96	308 272	701 625	2,234 2,057	246 182	55 36	3,623 3,259	-10.0%
Wicomico	2008 2009	6 6	35 30	211 249	758 639	1,036 1,286	2,738 2,815	217 166	44 39	5,001 5,191	3.8%
Worcester	2008 2009	4 0	8 8	53 40	169 221	423 436	1,905 1,786	80 71	16 4	2,642 2,562	-3.0%
Statewide Agencies *Arson Crime is	2008 2009	5 4	0	3 3	186 128	36 34	480 519	33 33	113 71	743 721	-3.0%